

## TRIP REPORT

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TO: Verne McFarland  
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Approximately 18 citizens attended the Arkwood Superfund site Open House, Thursday evening in the Omaha Public School. We had announced the meeting in both the Harrison, Arkansas and Springfield, Missouri newspapers. There was no media present, however, a Springfield television station and newspaper called before the meeting to inquire about the site. I returned their calls, and also referred them on to Roger Meacham.

Three attended the meeting from ADPCE including Devon Hobby, Manager, Superfund Branch. They were quite supportive in answering questions about incinerators and other environmental problems in the Harrison area. (We had the opportunity after the open house to discuss Texarkana Wood. Devon had a lot of questions about the issues that have come up there.)

Other key topics from the open house included:

- PRPs - McKesson had two representatives present. They videotaped the entire meeting.
- Satellite Office - Questions about the purpose, need of such an office. Who would be paying for, and access to office information once the incinerator project gets underway. Citizens asked for a later meeting to be scheduled with the selected contractor for the incinerator.

The role of the subcontractor, Pam Gass, to our contractor, PRC, and to the EPA was carefully explained. Most of the attendees seemed to know Pam.

- As usual, some of the citizens were concerned about the cost of the project and whether we should leave the site as is and let it return to natural vegetation, etc. Others stated that they would like to see the site addressed as quickly as possible and to "get it cleaned up".
- Usual suspicious questions about waste being hauled in from other areas to be burned, and would the incinerator be left there.

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I believe the RPM and ADPCE responded to these questions as thoroughly as possible. The Consent Decree was referenced as necessary.

We are starting the office at 20 hours a week and I believe it now has sufficient office equipment, furniture, etc.

cc: Betty Williamson  
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